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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 10 June 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☒ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.


 DAVID GUZO
 PRIMARY EXAMINER



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The decision on the petition filed in the above entitled application is as follows:

☐ Delay in Prosecution Held Unavoidable (35 U.S.C. 133),
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☐ Delayed Payment of Issue Fee Accepted (35 U.S.C. 151),
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☒ Petition Granted 37 CFR 1.84(b)(2)

☐ Petition Denied _____

☐ Petition Dismissed _____

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